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MAKING THE HOME BEAUTIFUL

We never will forget the little lecture a man delivered around a camp fire in this city some years ago on the subject of tobacco. The old fellow had positive ideas about a man who will befall his breath with a weed that nothing but a filthy worm will eat. The outstanding idea that he had was that no woman should be compelled to live with a man who had the foul breath of a tobacco user carries.

But really there is no connection between this lecture about the camp fire and the subject we have in mind, which is that of beautifying the home.

A dozen years ago but few people had made any effort at beautifying the home about here. The yard grass and some shade trees seemed to satisfy the most careful people. Now there has swept over the country a spirit of the beautiful, if that is what it is, and most people of ambition are making efforts to beautify their homes. To one who has studied the subject and cultivated a sense for the beautiful, it is a sad sight to see a home on a beautiful, natural location with nothing about it to make the grounds look like a home. Hundreds of such houses are all about here with not even the shade tree.

Here in our own town there is a wave of sentiment strongly in favor of more beautiful homes. It is in the minds of the folk to plant out things. One sees it on every hand. And it is as catching as the mumps. Let one woman begin to beautify her home and her neighbor gets busy at once and tries to do likewise. That is human nature. We are prone to fall in line and do like those about us even to imitating the bad.

A drive about the country districts will convince any one with eyes to see that this disposition to beautify the home needs to get a new life in the country. Many really pretty homes about the country are woefully lacking in shade and lawn and such bushes as are often seen about a well kept home.

A woman has a just cause for complaint against any man who fails to make her as beautiful a home as he can afford to make. It requires no money to plant out a few rose bushes and cultivate them. It requires no money to find a few blooming shrub bushes and locate them about the home where they will add a touch of the beautiful to the surroundings. Women are much more inclined to appreciate these things than men, and women have to remain about the home all the time. They have a right to a beautiful place if it can be provided for them.

Now is the time of the year to touch up the home and make it a place of pride as well as comfort. Make it a place that the good wife will take pleasure in calling her home.

Nursery Plant Sale At Whitman's Next Tuesday

Ladies will be prepared to take orders next Tuesday at Whitman's Music store for all kinds of nursery stock including fruit and shade trees, shrubs, evergreens, hedge plants, flowers and any other nursery stock you may want.

The finance committee and the permanent planting committee of the Woman's Club have secured a nursery agency and for the day are willing to sacrifice much of their commission in order to increase interest in beautifying Mount Airy and community.

The rose colored crape myrtle is being offered at cost; while they last ever blooming hydrangeas, altheas and a few other plants on which a nursery is over stocked will be sold for less than wholesale cost.

If you need anything in nursery stock buy now while choice plants can be secured.

Specimen plants and pictures will be on display so you can see what you are getting.

Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson Coming

A real treat is in store for Mount Airy Woman's club members Friday afternoon when Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, of Raleigh, will address the club.

Mrs. Johnson is not only a leading member of the State Federation of Women's clubs but is Commissioner of Public Welfare for the State of North Carolina and is authority on the subject which she will present to the club.

DISAGREEING TO THE CHILDREN'S HURT

It has long been a fixed and settled policy of this state to furnish free education for all the people up to a certain point. It has also been the policy of the state to require each community to provide its own school building. Working along these lines the people have built up a great educational system that now provides educational opportunities for every boy and girl within the boundaries of a great territory that comprises the whole state.

Not so many years ago the people for lack of means, and more for lack of interest, were satisfied to get along with the crudest kind of cheap buildings, unfit of them, to be exact, were log cabins built in the style of the back-woods home of pioneer days. But the time has arrived when the people are no longer willing to put up with such unsatisfactory buildings and the spirit for better buildings has swept the state to that degree that a fund has now been provided with which any district can build, provided it wants to. This state fund is loaned to a district on the most liberal terms, for twenty years to be paid back in twenty equal payments at an interest charge of only 4 1-2 per cent. But before a district can secure this loan from the state it must hold an election and decide to secure the loan and levy the tax with which to repay it.

There is now available of this state fund enough for this county to erect several school buildings.

It is interesting to note that in several instances where an effort has been put on foot to erect a new building the issue was defeated for the reason that the location of the new building became an issue on which the people could not agree. There never has been a time when all the people could see things alike, let the issue be what it may.

It seems that we are so constituted by nature that about half of us will line up on one side and the other half oppose. This disposition to oppose each other all along life's way blocks the wheels of progress on many a hill that humanity must climb. And it does seem that the wheels so often become blocked at a time when so much is at stake.

Think of a community made up of intelligent and liberty loving people, every one of whom are interested in good schools and the highest welfare of their children and their neighbor's children, and yet these good people allow a difference to arise among themselves to a degree that they are not able to arrive at a decision that must be reached before a better school can be had. Four times in this county has this been the case within the past few months, and today there are some communities where a new and creditable building would be erected at once only for the fact that it is known that no agreement can be reached as to where the building shall be located.

If it will do any good to call attention to all this and thus let folks see themselves as others see them then our purpose in writing this article will be accomplished.

Defendants Call For Jury Trial

A jury trial is on the docket for the Recorder's court next Monday. In court this week Ralph Lowe and Orest Heath were arraigned for violating the prohibition laws and both requested a jury trial. The following twelve men were drawn, six of which will be selected as the jury to serve next Monday: R. A. George, F. L. Johnson, Walter Welch, J. C. Hill, E. F. McKinney, J. E. Edwards, J. M. Creed, N. A. Lowe, C. C. Hale, W. S. Gentry, W. T. Haynes and B. E. Herman.

Herbert Oakley, just past 16 years, was found guilty of forcible trespass and fined \$50 and the cost. He was placed under a bond of \$100, must go to school and show good behavior for one year.

H. F. Gwyn was convicted of driving a car while drunk and fined \$50, and is not to drive for 12 months. He appealed to Dobson.

Two defendants were dismissed with the cost for speeding, to-wit: Wesley Badgett and J. B. Beach.

Lowgap Citizen Dies

The remains of Leland Doby were carried to Lowgap last Thursday and laid to rest in the church cemetery. Mr. Doby was a hard working and prosperous young man and a large number of friends attended the last sad rites. He is survived by a wife and two children. For several months he had been working in West Virginia where he died from an attack of heart trouble.

Fire at Round Peak

The large store house and stock of goods of Frank Holder at Round Peak was destroyed by fire last Sunday morning about two o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Holder had \$2,000 insurance on his stock and building.

WHO'S WHO IN PRESIDENT'S CABINET

Man Selected by Coolidge To Help Him Manage This Nation For Next Four Years.

Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, Secretary of State, Lawyer, Age 65. Native of Potsdam, N. Y. Served Department of Justice under Roosevelt and Taft as translator, and International Commerce Commission as special counsel. Served from Minnesota 1917 to 1923. Ambassador to Great Britain since December, 1923.

Andrew W. Mellon, of Pennsylvania, Secretary of the Treasury, Financier, Age 69. Native of Pittsburgh, Pa. Member of one of the country's wealthiest families with many banking and industrial connections prior to his appointment to the Cabinet in 1921. Founder of town of Donora, Pa., and steel mills there.

John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts, Secretary of War, Engineer and broker, Age 64. Native of Lancaster, N. H. Graduated Annapolis Naval Academy and served two years as naval officer. Member House of Representatives from Massachusetts 1906 to 1913. Senator from Massachusetts 1913 to 1919. Became Secretary of War March 4, 1921.

Charles E. Warren, of Michigan, Attorney General, Lawyer and business man, Age 54. Native of Bay City, Mich. Over period of years served as counsel for United States in various international litigations. Long a leader of Republican party. Ambassador to Japan, 1921 to 1923. Ambassador to Mexico, February 1924. A contest arose in the Senate over his confirmation.

Harry S. New, of Indiana, Postmaster General, Publisher, Age 66. Native of Indianapolis, Ind. Was reporter, editor and part owner Indianapolis Journal before he entered public life. Republican National Chairman 1907 to 1908. Senator from Indiana 1916 to 1923. Became Postmaster General March 5, 1923.

Curtis D. Wilbur, of California, Secretary of the Navy, Lawyer and jurist, Age 57. Native of Boonesboro, Iowa. Graduate Annapolis Naval Academy. Taught school, practiced law and served in various capacities as prosecutor and judge at Los Angeles. Elected Chief Justice California Supreme Court, 1922, and resigned March 19, 1924, to enter Cabinet.

Hubert Work, of Colorado, Secretary of the Interior, Physician, Age 64. Native of Indiana County, Pa. Gained wide reputation as practicing physician at Greeley, Colo., and was president American Medical Association 1921 to 1922. Active in Colorado politics for years. Served in medical corps in World War. Assistant Postmaster General 1921 to 1922. Postmaster General 1922 to 1923, and Secretary Interior since then.

William M. Jardine, of Kansas, Secretary of Agriculture, Grain expert and college president, Age 46. Native of Oneida County, Idaho. Was a cowpuncher in Idaho and Montana before entering college. Served in Agricultural Department as cerealist 1907 to 1910, and on faculty Agricultural College of Utah and Kansas State Agricultural College. President later institution since 1918.

Herbert C. Hoover, of California, Secretary of Commerce, Mining and industrial engineer, Age 50. Native of West Branch, Iowa. Won international fame by his services for Belgian relief in early days of World War. Later was war-time Food Administrator, and head American Relief Administration, United States Grain Corporation, and Sugar Equalization Board. Became Secretary of Commerce March 4, 1921.

James J. Davis, of Pennsylvania, Secretary of Labor, Steel worker and fraternal organizer, Age 51. Native of Tredegar, Wales. Came to America at age of eight. Worked as iron puddler in Pennsylvania. Member labor union. Organizer and head Loyal Order of Moose since 1907. Became Secretary of Labor, March 4, 1921.

Young Girl Injured in Auto Accident

Miss Lillian Watson, of Patrick county, was brought to Martin Memorial hospital Sunday night painfully cut and injured from an auto wreck near Brower's springs. In the accident she received severe cut places on her neck and face and she barely escaped death from one of the neck wounds.

Following the accident Carl Jones, employee of O. B. Webb of this city, was arrested for driving a car in a reckless manner, and released on \$500 bond. It is charged that he attempted to pass the car in which the young girl was riding and in so doing ran into it, overturning the car and injuring the lady. Miss Watson was in a car with several other young people late Sunday afternoon when Jones passed them. In some way the car occupied by Miss Watson was overturned resulting in her injury and the arrest of Jones. In the car with Jones were Hub Thomas and Doc Taylor who will be material witnesses to the case, as well as the occupants of the other car.

Woodruff Quintet Presented Program of Chamber Music

A friend of the Woodruffe brothers, of Barbourville, W. Va., formerly of this city, has handed this office a copy of a program rendered in the auditorium of Marshall College Feb. 27 by the Woodruffe Quintet.

The personnel of the quintet is as follows: violins, Mr. George Woodruffe, Mr. Ziegler; viola, Mr. Frank Woodruffe; cello, Mr. Thomas Woodruffe, Mr. Mudge; piano, Mr. Mudge. Mount Airy music lovers will be pleased to know that these gifted musicians continue to use their hearts glad with their music.

GOOD HOME BURNED

R. W. George, Agent Citizens of States, Lease Home By Fire the Third Time

The new 12-room residence of R. W. George, of Francisco, was destroyed by fire last Friday about noon, the entire building and its contents being a total loss. The smoke house with a large amount of provisions and the chicken house were also burned. The home was practically a new one, was equipped with a modern plant for water and lights, had two bath rooms, every room was completely furnished with new furniture and the home was one of the best in the county. The loss is estimated at \$20,000 with \$5,000 insurance.

The fire originated from a spark on the roof. No one but Mr. and Mrs. George were present at the time and their efforts to prevent the loss were fruitless. Mr. George is 78 years of age, while his wife is a year younger.

This is the third time the home of Mr. George has burned and he has always rebuilt at the same place. He is already planning to rebuild, being undaunted by the loss.

Special School Elections Fail

At Dobson last Monday the County Board of Education called off the election at Ararat that would provide for a new 12-room school building. Since the calling of the election a dispute had arisen among the patrons of the school over its location and feeling had reached the point where it was realized it would be fruitless to hold the election when the people were so divided on the location of the building.

The election for a new building in Bryan township recently held was defeated by 32 votes. It was planned to build a large consolidated building near Mountain Park which would care for five schools in that section, but here also differences arose over the exact location of the school and the measure was defeated.

Woman Gets Shot in Hand

One day last week Mrs. Geo. Parker who lives near the quarry, suffered a painful injury when a load of shot accidentally discharged from a shot gun passed through the palm of her hand. It seems her small son wanted the gun to go hunting and when she declined to grant his wishes he endeavored to get it any way. The gun was standing behind a trunk and when Mrs. Parker lifted it from the floor to hide it from the boy the trigger caught on the trunk allowing the hammer to discharge the load into Mrs. Parker's hand.



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NOTICE
Under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina, and the ordinances of the Town of Mount Airy authorizing the sale of lands in the Town of Mount Airy for assessments levied against said property for street improvements, I will offer for sale at the Court House Door in Dobson, North Carolina, on the first Monday in April 1925, it being the 6th day of April, the following property for the assessments levied against same, interest and cost of sale.
The street paving covered by these items consists of the two six foot wide strips on each side of the state pavement on Cherry Street.
J. C. Hollingsworth, 510 front street

Keep Those Flies Out!
Flies are a nuisance under any conditions—a menace to humanity.
The best protection for your home—your wife and babies—are window screens. We can supply both window and door screens in sizes to fit any building.
Place your order with us now and have your house screened before the flies come.
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Yes sir, when that old whiskered fellow you call Old Man "High-Cost-of-Living" makes an effort to enter our store he is sure to receive a knock out blow. "Low Prices" is our best friend and we do not allow Old Man "High-Cost" around our place.
Grass Seeds
"Low Prices" now has complete charge of our large stock of grass and garden seeds and you will be astonished at the values we are offering. We have a larger stock than we can handle and must move it at once.
Ride With Pleasure
Equip Your Car with Goodyear Tires and have the satisfaction of knowing you are traveling with security. Goodyear still leads all others. We are exclusive agents.
Spray Time Is At Hand
We are prepared to supply all your needs about spraying. Large stock of spray materials and various designs of Meyers Pumping and Spraying outfits. Old Man "High-Cost" is again given a knock-out in this line and "Low Prices" prevail.
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